Standing Committee's views: The Resolution can be supported though the National Archives of India will have to consider many factors including its existing commitments and the financial implications, before undertaking its implementation.

J. Setting up of Archival Repositories

10. Resolution by Prof. G.H.Khare

"This meeting of the Indian Historical Records Commission strongly recommends that the States and centrally administered territories which have no Records Offices should immediately establish their own Records Offices and began to collect and conserve Records of historical and cultural value in addition to the current administrative records which may come to their repositories.

Explanatory Note: In the Union Republic of India there are now about 26* States and centrally administered territories. For the last 3 or 4 years or even before we have been urging the various States and Territories to organize their Records Offices. Still the response is not satisfactory. Even the State of Madhya Pradesh has not as yet organised its Records Office though there is every possibility of getting old Records from the merged states of Indore, Gwalior and other Central Indian States. Therefore, this reiteration of the Resolution.

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Standing Committee's views: The Indian Historical Records Commission has already passed resolutions recommending that the States/Union Territories should set up their own Archival Repositories on Modern scientific lines as early as possible (Resolution III, 34th Session and Resolution V, 44th Session).

Out of 22 States and 9 Union Territories 18 States and 3 Union Territories, Delhi, Goa and Pondicherry, have their own Archives Departments. Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Sikkim and Nagaland have set up their archival repositories in recent years, though their progress has not been quite satisfactory. Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar are exploring possibilities of setting up of their own Archives. To expedite matters the Commission's earlier Resolutions can be reiterated.

K. Teaching of Record Languages

11. Resolution by Dr. S.N. Prasad, Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission:

"Mindful of the vital importance and large volume of old records extant in the oriental languages like Persian written in Shikasta script, Modi, Marathi, old Rajasthani, Tamil, Oriya, etc., the Commission urges the Government of India, the State Governments, the archival repositories and the universities to provide facilities and incentives urgently for the study of these languages and scripts."